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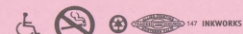
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510.849.2568 ext. 20
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Now Open on Sundays from 1pm-9:30pm
Wed. - Sat. 5:30 pm
NEW phone/fax: 510-841-3800



* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change. La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California.

Two Month Calendar
See back for June



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(JUNE 03 ON THE BACK)



Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert 5/8



Sia Amma 5/9 -5/10



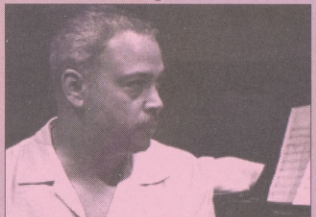
Colibri 5/3 (10:30am)



Tania Schaffer 5/14

La Peña Bay Area

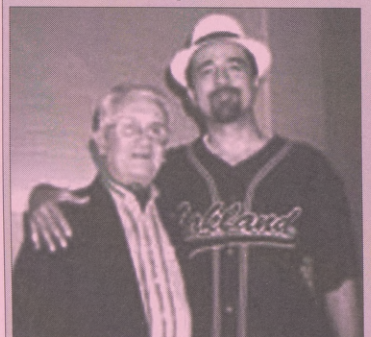
Latin
Jazz



John Calloway & Diaspora 5/16



O-Maya 5/16



Benny Velarde (with John Santos) 5/2

VIVA EL CHICANO DE MAYO!



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SUNDAY

4 CAFÉ RUMBA
3:30pm in the Café Lobby

LISA SAYS
in a La Peña debut Concert

Two charismatic young sister-brother duos from El Cerrito and San Francisco merge in one magical pop-folk ensemble, LISA SAYS, delivering quirky, catchy original folk songs, and covering a gamut of power pop classics.

7:30pm \$10 (\$7 students)

11 BOOK PRESENTATION

Los Dueños de Chile
Prominent Chilean journalist and author Ernesto Carmona will discuss his book on Chile which describes how in a country of 15 million the rich and powerful can be reduced to only 100 names. This puts Chile at the top of the most uneven income distribution in the world. Visiting from Chile, Carmona will present his widely praised new book-now in its second edition - *The Owners of Chile*.

7:30pm \$5

18 CAFÉ RUMBA
3:30pm in the Café Lobby

Los Mapaches

From the ancient sounds of the Andean zampoñas to the dancing rhythms of the Latin American coasts, come and join the Latin American Children's ensemble Los Mapaches (directed by Lydia Mills), for a musical journey throughout the Americas. Special guests include Pamela Darington, Peña Torres, Jorge Tapia, and many others.

7pm \$8 adults \$4 kids

25 CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO OPEN

PRIVATE EVENT IN THE THEATER

**Join La Peña.
Become a Member!**

La Peña is a grassroots community based organization that relies on grassroots community support!

WEDNESDAY

7 CAFÉ POETRY ISOLATED COMPOUND 7:30PM

UNDER THE FIFTH SUN
Reading from *Under the Fifth Sun: Latino Literature from California*, a cross section of nearly one hundred Latino writers past and present, offering one of the widest selections of Latino writing ever published in America. Join local writers Alejandro Murguía, Francisco X. Alarcon and Maria Melendez as they read from their contributions to the book and from their other works. Reception will follow.

7:30pm \$5

14 BOOK PRESENTATION

BOOK RELEASE CELEBRATION for Tanya Shaffer's *SOMEBODY'S HEART IS BURNING*. A night of reading and performance emceed by Shaffer, featuring SF Chronicle columnist Jon Carroll, African percussionist Baba Duru Demetrius, SF Mime Troupe Michael Sullivan, travel writing, Nueva Canción, Balkan singing, political satire, and much, much more!

7:30pm \$15

admission includes a copy of the book!

21 CAFÉ POETRY & OPEN MIC WITH BROWN FIST COLLECTIVE 7:30PM

Mokai is "Unearthed." Celebrate the CD release of San Francisco guitarist/lyricist, whose song "World Without War" has been dubbed "the new Peace movement's anthem" and is in regular rotation on KPFA. Mokai blends elements of Folk, Jazz and blues delivering powerful messages.

7:30pm \$5-15 sliding scale

28 CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO OPEN

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CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO
OPEN FROM 5:30PM

THURSDAY

1 BENEFIT CONCERT

La Peña Community Chorus

A concert in support of indigenous communities where the Chorus visited and performed in Chiapas in July 2002. Hear songs old and new and some stories of our trip. Crafts and coffee from Chiapas will be on sale. Special visitors from Chiapas.

7:30pm \$10-\$15

8 STORIES & SONGS

Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert

Join two living legends as they call up the past and ignite the imagination for the future with delightful humor, the blessing of hindsight & the power of creative activism. Their stories & songs reflect a cross generation friendship that has served social change movements for decades. Join these women for an evening of rocking chair reflection & kick-in-the-pants-get-out-there-and-DO-something-sing-a-long-fun.

8pm \$16adv. \$18dr.

15 BENEFIT SCREENING

"Truth: Exposing Israeli Apartheid"

A 50 min. documentary by Wendy Campbell. The screening will be preceded by a talk by Dave Kersting on "What is Zionism?"

7:30pm. \$20 donation requested.
\$10 for students w/ ID*

22 CAFÉ CONCERT

Portraits of Peace
Café Concert with
Hollie Farmer
accompanied by
Dennis Monaghan.

7:30pm

Donation Requested

29 CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO OPEN

"Hoods in the Night"

A report back on Colombia by the National Radio Project (NRP), producers of Making Contact. The civil conflict in Colombia terrorizes the civilian population, and U.S. military aid only aggravates the situation. Join NRP for a slide presentation & excerpts from *Hoods in the Night*, a radio documentary featuring community leaders and displace people of Medellín & Bogota.

7pm \$5-\$10 sliding scale*

FRIDAY

2 La Peña Latin Jazz Series

Tribute to Benny Velarde with Benny Velarde y Super Combo

The elder statesman of SF Latin Jazz, percussionist Benny Velarde has performed and recorded with the legendary Cal Tjader in the 50s, and has led his own ensembles nonstop since 1961. Benny's guests, **Roger Glen, Joe Ellis & Willie Colon** have collaborated with him countless times over the years.

Panel: 7:30pm Show: 8:30pm
\$12adv. (or before 7:30pm) \$15dr.

9 SIA AMMA'S NEW SHOW

In its 28th Anniversary La Peña Presents **Sia Amma** in **What Mama Said About Down There**

Amma's new performance of monologues that were inspired through gossip, interviews, and just plain conversations with different women from all walks of life. "I talked to women involved in dance classes, coffee shops, and while braiding their hair, in bookstores and unusual places like bathrooms. I wanted to know what their mothers said about 'down there.' Their voices echoed in my blood, veins, and tongue. I got confused, scared. Then, I let their words melt inside me. I hope that upon seeing this show, mothers and daughters will be inspired to engage in open dialogues about their own sexuality. I also hope it will facilitate conversation between them and bring more understanding." — Sia Amma

Fri. & Sat. : 8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

16 La Peña Latin Jazz

Afro-Latin Panorama

John Calloway and Diaspora and O-Maya

John Calloway is one of the Bay Area's premier Latin Jazz composer - arrangers. He will perform with his all-star band, **Diaspora** in a double bill with **O-Maya** who brings the young energy and raw talent where jazz, hip hop, funk, soul, & salsa intersect.

Panel: 7:30pm Show: 8:30pm
\$12adv. (or before 7:30pm) \$15dr.

23 CONCERT

Juanita Ulloa & Mariachi Picante

Bring your mom to share this concert of old and new Latin American huapangos, boleros and vales to the soaring vocals of pioneering ranchera singer/composer Juanita Ulloa plus her Mariachi Picante, just returned from NYC & San Diego!

8:30pm \$14 adv. \$16 dr.

30 INTERNATIONAL HIP HOP

**Soul Frito
The Caribbean Connection**

Get down and Rise-Up with Bay-Area Hip-Hop Architects **Company of Prophets** and direct from Cuba - two of Cuba's most celebrated Hip Hop groups - **Doble Filo** and **Obsesión**. With DJ Treat U Nice.

8:30pm \$10

SATURDAY

**3 Children's Concert
Season Finale with Colibri**
10:30am \$4 adults \$3kids

Chicano de Mayo Celebration

**Domingo Siete &
Quetzal**

Dance to the Chicano de Mayo grooves of two excellent bands from Los Angeles.

9:30pm \$13adv \$15dr.

10 C.E.P.E.R. Day Event
call 642-2856 for info. 1-5pm Free

17 COLLECTIVE SOUL

in production w/ FK & Plus Sign Vibes presents: **The Battle Ave. Tour. A 5 on 5 B-boy/ B - Girl Elimination battle.** 12pm-5pm \$10 / \$15 w/camera benefit for Save the Music Foundation & The Reggie Infante Fund

later that night.....
**Lunar Heights, Malika Madre
Mana, Mother Earth,
Ujima Youth Poets**
9pm \$10

Benefit for the Luxor Academy

24 SALSA DANCING

**Fito Reynoso's
Ritmo y Armonía**

A great evening of non-stop dancing with one of the most popular bands in the Bay Area. Get your dancing shoes ready for Fito who returns to La Peña with energy-charged Afro-Cuban favorites.

9:30pm \$10

31 INTERNATIONAL HIP HOP

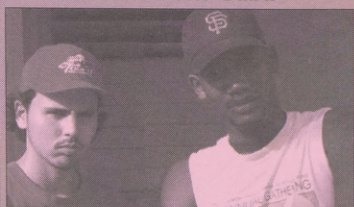
**Da Shout,
Bamuthi, Prophets of Rage,**
A 21piece Folkloric hip hop music & dance ensemble lead by **Sekou Gibson**, *Da Shout* fuses the traditional ring shout, with the expansive nuances of hip hop culture using MCs, soukous & hip hop dancers, and a griot to narrate a musical story with the audience as an integral character. Plus **Prophets of Rage**, a preview of **Bamuthi's** one person show *Word Becomes Flesh* and from Cuba - **Obsesión & Doble Filo**.

8:30pm \$10

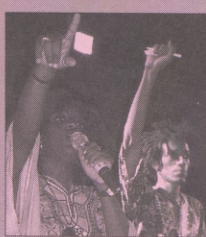
Dance to follow w/DJ Treat U Nice.

SoulFrito - A Weekend of International Hip Hop May 30 and 31

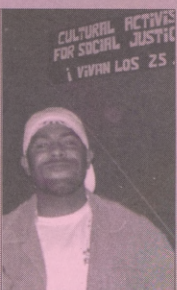
Direct from Cuba



Doble Filo



Obsesion



Brutha Los

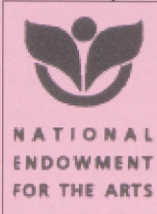


Bamuthi with "Da Shout"



Fito Reynoso 5/24

Special thanks to



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LOS DUEÑOS DE CHILE
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http://www.losdueños.cl

The Owners of Chile 5/11
An outstanding journalist, author & publisher, Ernesto Carmona is an elected officer of the National Directorate of Chile's Journalists Bar Association. He has taught journalism and worked in magazines, newspapers, TV and radio stations in Chile, Argentina and Venezuela, where he lived exiled, after being forced to leave the country in 1973.

TAKE ACTION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Since its founding after the American-supported coup d'etat in Chile in September 11, 1973, La Peña has been a voice for peace and social justice. With the 30th anniversary of that tragic event approaching this year, we are saddened and outraged at yet another international act of aggression by the U.S. government: the current war in Iraq. This war will cost the world with its huge death tolls and greater international instability. It will also cost our own communities, as it comes in the midst of an economic crisis when the need for good jobs and funding for schools, health care and other services is greatest. We are also outraged by Bush's war on our communities at home, embodied by the USA Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Administration and the racist monitoring, roundup, and detention of thousands of immigrants.

TAKE ACTION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
Visit www.actagainstwar.org, www.rj911.org,
or www.unitedforpeace.org
or call (415) 820-9649 or (415) 255-7296

1975 La Peña's 28th Anniversary Month 2003

La Peña 28th Anniversary



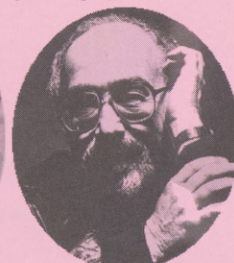
Bobi Céspedes

Bobi possesses one of the most powerful, poised, and elegant voices on the international stage. Two shows on 6/14

Latin Jazz Legacy Series



Eddie Duran & Mark Levine Unsung Jazz Heroes 6/13



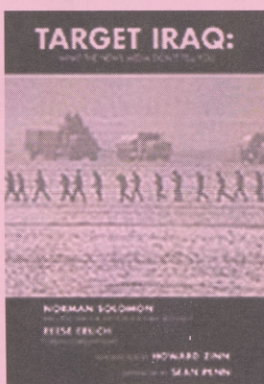
Columna B & Snake Trio 6/20



Brian Joseph 6/5



Suzanne Pittson 6/27



Norman Solomon & Reese Erlich 6/12



Jesus Diaz 6/28

SUNDAY

1 **CAFÉ RUMBA**
3:30pm in the Café Lobby

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CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO
OPEN FROM 5:30PM

8 **Superfest XXIII**
International Media Festival on Disabilities.

Film Screening of award winners. **1-5pm Sat. June 7th & Sun. June 8. \$5-\$10.** Call 845-5576 for schedule or www.madknight.com/cdt. Meet the Filmmakers reception from **6-7pm** followed by an awards ceremony. **FREE**

Please refrain from wearing perfume or other scented products. La Peña is wheelchair accessible.

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CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO
OPEN FROM 1PM

ANNIVERSARY RUMBA
in the theater
6pm \$5 donation

22 **CAFÉ VALPARAISO OPEN**

Volunteer Opportunities
Learn while helping

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11 **CAFÉ POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30**

La Peña Class Recital

with students of **Rafael Manriquez'** Latin American Music Ensembles

and students of **Josh Jones'** Latin Jazz Ensembles
7pm - \$8

La Peña's free classes are supported by the California Arts Council. Tonight's proceeds will support La Peña's work.

18 **CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO OPEN**

Café Poetry and Open Mic with **BROWN FIST Collective**

7:30pm

25 **CAFÉ POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30**

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CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO
OPEN FROM 5:30PM



THURSDAY

5 **CONCERT**

Brian Joseph in Concert

The SF weekly said he has "...more talent in his little finger than Gene Simmons has in his entire lizard tongue," and he's been hailed as "John Prine meets Los Lobos." Brian's stage show is simultaneously fun and soulful, combining extemporaneous songwriting, myriad forms of audience interaction and humiliation, and his own intelligent, politically conscious urban-folk sound. Brian is back with his brand new CD *The Road to Endarkenment*.
7:30pm \$12

12 **TARGET IRAQ: WHAT THE NEWS MEDIA IS NOT TELLING YOU**

An evening with acclaimed political analyst **Norman Solomon** and award-winning foreign correspondent **Reese Erlich** who will discuss both their recent trip to Iraq and their recently published book, *Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn't Tell You*. Question and answer period to follow.
7:30pm \$7

19 **DISCUSSION**

Joel Kovel, former Green Party candidate for President and a professor at New York's Bard College discusses his latest book:

The Enemy of Nature: The End of Capitalism or the end of the World?

7:30 pm sliding scale \$5-10

26 **ZOOT SUIT RIOTS**

Discussion: ZOOT SUIT RIOTS

In 1943, Los Angeles experienced one of the worst race riots in US history as servicemen attacked the Chicano communities of East Los Angeles. On the 40th anniversary, we will be taking a critical reflection on their significance then & today. Panel includes **Jose Montoya**, **Dr. Jose Cuellar** & others. Film clips from various documentaries & movies will also be shown.
7:30pm \$5 suggested donation

En las Paredes
La Peña Art Exhibits
May/June 2003

In the Café and Lobby: **Eduardo Diaz**. Born in Mexico City, Eduardo expresses elements of the Mexican culture in his work. His favorite medium is oil painting, which allows him to reflect the light of Mexican sun. Eduardo Diaz: www.absolutearts.com

In the Theater: **Emerging Artists**. Nature and Nurture. Paintings by LeConte Elementary School students.

The Roots of Venezuela

A workshop and demonstration by Venezuelan master musician **Aquiles Baez**. Hosted by **Jackeline Rago**. Bring instruments!
Monday, June 9. 6pm \$15.

Volunteer Opportunities
Learn while helping a non-profit Cultural Center

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Join La Peña and Make a Difference!
Yes, I want to support La Peña by joining the Song of Unity Membership!

If you value our contribution to the social and political life in the Bay Area, please consider making a contribution.

\$500 Padrino/Madrina — receive a free **Annual Pass** to all La Peña events

\$250 Victor Jara — receive a **Discount Pass** to La Peña events

\$100 Paul Robeson — receive a **La Peña Event Pass** for two

\$50 Malvina Reynolds — receive a **\$10 Café Valparaíso coupon**

\$35 Compañero/Compañera — You invest in La Peña and receive the **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only \$3 per month)

\$25 Activista — Student, fixed income, low income membership with **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only \$2 per month)

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Gracias! Your generosity is essential in moving us successfully into our third decade!
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FRIDAY

6 **28TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW**

VOCES POR LA PAZ

La Peña presents a benefit evening of hope-with-music with voices for PEACE from the Bay Area. Hip hop, Latin American, spoken word, Afro-Cuban, Chicano & folk music. Artists include **Los Niños del Barrio**, Brutha "Los" of Company of Prophets, **Rafael Manriquez**, **Jime Salcedo Malo**, **Paul Flores** and more! Bring your message & place it in the Peace Bulletin Board.
7:30pm \$10adv. \$12dr.
For artists line-up check www.lapena.org

13 **LATIN JAZZ SERIES**

Mark Levine and The Latin Tinge & Eddie and Mad Duran

Eddie Duran has brought the fat swing of his guitar to Bay Area audiences since the early 1950s, and Mark has delighted us with his masterful piano since the early 1960s. Their ensembles represent the tightness and deceptive effortlessness of some of the area's finest veteran musicians and their highest level of stage communication.
Panel: 7:30pm Show: 8:30pm \$12adv. (or before 7:30pm) \$15dr.

20 **LATIN JAZZ SERIES FINALE**

.Bay Area World Jazz Columna B From New York! and Snake Trio.

Distinct visions of the world from Cuban and Venezuelan perspectives. Exquisite musicianship, innovative composition and masterful technique come together in a powerful demonstration of Bay Area contemporary international Jazz Latino.
Panel: 7:30pm Show: 8:30 pm \$12adv (or before 7:30pm) \$15dr.

27 **JAZZ CONCERT**

Suzanne Pittson in Concert

Called a "true jazz singer" by *Cadence* magazine and a "true musician" by *JazzTimes*, **Suzanne Pittson** is rapidly gaining the respect of the jazz world because of her scatting and technical accuracy, her creativity, and her broad improvisational vocabulary. Suzanne is back to La Peña with a great group of outstanding musicians.
8pm \$12adv. \$14 dr.

28 **DANCE / BAILE**

Afro-Cuban Dance music with JESUS DIAZ Y SU QBA

Come dance to the swinging sounds of QBA's timba music.
9:30PM \$12

7 **Superfest XXIII International Media Festival on Disabilities.**
Today & tomorrow, 1-5pm \$5-\$10. For contact see Sunday

Ponte las Pilas

Celebrating the style & defiance of the Zoot Suiter. Dance to the music of **Dr. Loco Rockin Jalapeño Band**. Look your best! Awards will be given to El Chuco Mas Suave & Linda Chelita. Also joining us, **Jose Montoya**.

Show 8:30pm \$10

14 **LA PEÑA 28TH B DAY**

Bobi Céspedes

Celebrate La Peña 28th Birthday with one of the most powerful, and beautiful Cuban voices in the Bay Area and her new band. The Cuban-born singer, percussionist and Yoruba-Lucumi priestess carries on a centuries-old tradition of Afro-Cuban singing and drumming. Two Shows
8 pm - Concert
10 pm - Dance Floor Open
\$20 advance and at the door
www.lapena.org

21 **COLLECTIVE SOUL**

w/ FK and Plus Sign Vibes presents: **The Battle Ave. Tour**

16 Emcee & 8 Turntablist Eliminations
Host: Tablelist Antriks
Judges: **DJ SHORKUT, DJ SNAYK EYEZ, DJ PONE, DJ IMPERIAL**

Also: Secluded Journalists
Dj Destined, Dj Mizzo

7:00pm \$10
Proceeds: Save the Music Foundation and The Reggie Infante Fund

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Tel/fax 001-73-15-04-34. mesoamerica.com.mx

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If you're a healthy man between 18-40, call The Sperm Bank of California for more information.
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Mujeres (Women)

Friday, May 23 at 8:30 pm
La Peña Cultural Center
3105 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley

Juanita Ulloa & Mariachi Picante in concert

tickets: \$16.00 • student/sr. discounts
tel: (510) 849-2568 • www.juanitamusic.com

Bring your mom to share unforgettable Latin American song gems with Juanita's award winning mariachi originals.

John Santos & The Machete Ensemble

Check out and/or purchase the new CD "SF BAY" on our website: www.johnsantos.com
(510) 530-1903

***Lecture * Clinic *
*Concert * Dance***

La Peña's 28th Anniversary Raffle Prizes include

Weekend Getaway in Bodega Bay, Dinners at Café Venezia, Bacheaso, Pauline's Pizza, Cesar, and Café Valparaíso; Crepe Dinner for 4 with Francine Kuipers; Tickets for 2 to Cal Performances 2003-04 World Stage, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, and La Peña Cultural Center; Dinner and movie for 2 at Oakland's Parkway Theater; Gift Certificate to Zentrum; Gift certificate & video from The Media Center in Berkeley; Massage/Reiki Treatment from Bridget Scadeng; Oil Change at Orange Garage; Posters and books from Ten Speed Press **Special thanks** to all these businesses for their generous donation of prizes. Tickets on sale now! Please help make this raffle a success by selling tickets to your friends and family! To help out, please call 510/849-2568